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Possible Connection of Secret

Police with Fedayan-i-Islam

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1. The real name of Navab Safafi, the leader of Fedayan-i-Islam2 (the organization to which the assassin of the late Prime Minister Ali Razmara belonged) is Mujtaba Mirlohi.3

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on the orders of the Secret Police (date unspecified) Mirlohi killed a police inspector who was believed to be pursuing the assassin of the late Minister of Court Abdul Hoseyn Hajir. 4 Although Mirlohi was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in absentia for this murder, with the assistance of the Secret Police he was able to go into hiding, where he remains.

Comment. According to a previous report, Sartipsadeh had authority to bypass the Chief of Police and contact directly the Prime Minister, the Chief of Staff, and the Shah. 25X1A

Friends (or Devotees) of Islam." The organization's newspaper Nesard-e-Mellat has published articles praising the assassin, accepting responsibility for the crime, and threatening the Shah and Prime Minister Hoseyn Ala.

Comment. Mirlohi is poorly educated and lives in the Qanatabad section of Tehran with his four brothers. Three brothers are unemployed; the other is a lawyer with the Municipal Court.

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Comment. Hajir was assassinated by a fanatical follower of Mullah Kashani on 4 November 1949. See 25X1A

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Comment. "a part" of the Secret Police secretly finances the terroristic activities of Fedayan-i-Islam, an organization which appeals to its followers on fanatical religious and nationalistic grounds.

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